

REMARKS

Claims 227-234, 240, 243, and 248-262 are pending in this application. Claims 227 and 248 have been amended, and claims 235-239, 241, 242, and 244-247 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 249-262 have been added, and essentially re-present canceled material from claim 227 and the canceled claims. No new matter has been added.

In the Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment (Bonafide) mailed on May 30, 2007, the Examiner states that

Applicants stated that all of the claims read on the elected species/invention in their 3/20/07 Response. However, this appears to be in error. The amendment filed on 12/11/06 canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention (i.e., Group IV drawn to a library of proteins) and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention (i.e., Group III drawn to the currently claimed "genetic packages") is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). Thus, all pending claims (i.e., 227-248) are drawn to the non-elected Group III invention because all of the claims are drawn to "genetic packages" as set forth in Group III (e.g., see 2/28/05 Restriction, page 2, paragraph 1).

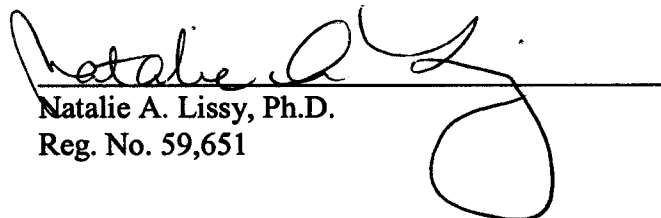
Applicants apologize for the oversight, and note that the pending claims (claims 227-234, 240, 243, and 248-262) read on the elected species of a library of a collection of members of a diverse family of peptides.

The fee in the amount of \$60.00 is being paid concurrently herewith via the attached Petition for Extension of Time fee on the Electronic Filing System (EFS) by way of Deposit Account authorization. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No. 10280-140003.

Respectfully submitted,

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